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report of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period
6 to 13 May 1951 follows.

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1. Fol Dasht

11-12 May

Rail traffic; direction unstated: Seven trains composed of 20 passenger cars, 23 carloads of poles, ten coal cars, three empty cars, three freight cars, two carloads of wire and scrap iron, eight carloads of boxes, four carloads of sand, 21 tank cars, and 120 closed cars; one train of unknown make-up.

Eastbound rail traffic: Four trains composed of 73 passenger cars, one tank car, and six closed cars; one unidentified (sic) train.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: Five trains composed of 28 passenger cars, 74 closed cars, six carloads of trucks, four carloads of wire, eight carloads of ammunition boxes, six coal cars, four carloads of planks, nine tank cars, six carloads of poles, and three cars carrying troops.

Direction unstated: Two trains composed of 16 passenger cars, one carload of logs, and one closed car.

13 May

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: An unstated number of trains composed of 15 passenger cars, four tank cars, two cars loaded with engines, 12 heavy machine guns in an unstated number of cars, a number (sic) of troops in an unstated number of cars, and two cars carrying two artillery pieces.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, nine closed cars, one tank car, 24 carloads of sand, and 13 cars loaded

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with 13 armored cars, each of which was equipped with one gun.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 13 passenger cars, one carload of troops, six coal cars, one carload of ammunition, two carloads of wooden poles, 29 carloads of planks, three carloads of jeeps, 11 closed cars, one car loaded with five guns, one carload of tanks, and one carload of anti-aircraft guns.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 29 closed cars, and four tank cars.

One truckload of armed soldiers moved from Shah Takhti to the opposite (sic) post.

2. Dzhulfa

12 May

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: One train composed of 14 boxcars and five gondolas of which one was loaded with coal and four were loaded with autos.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 97 boxcars and 37 gondolas.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

night

Direction unstated: Two trains of unknown make-up.

13 May

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: Three trains composed of 45 boxcars, four gondolas loaded with autos, 14 gondolas loaded with coal and lumber, and three tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: One train composed of 17 boxcars, one gondola, and one tank car.

Two passenger trains ran according to schedule.

night

Direction unstated: Two trains of unknown make-up.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: One truck carrying a gun and one truck carrying 12 unarmed troops.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: One truck carrying 15 unarmed troops.

Eastbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two trucks carrying 16 unarmed troops.

3. Sia Rud

12 May

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Four trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 21 covered cars, 37 gondolas loaded with planks, three gondolas loaded with trucks, four gondolas loaded with autos, and four tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 76 covered cars, 27 gondolas carrying 27 engines and planks, and nine kerosene tank cars.

13 May

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, two boxcars, one tank car, and 18 gondolas.

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Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 18 boxcars, one tank car, 14 carloads of stones, 28 gondolas loaded with lumber and planks, four carloads of autos, and one car carrying a water pump.

4. Khuda Afarin

12 May

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 46 boxcars, 18 gondolas, 13 carloads of machine accessories, 11 empty gondolas, and two tank cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: One train composed of 27 boxcars, 17 gondolas, one carload of jeeps, eight carloads of iron girders, five gondolas loaded with cases, and ten gondolas loaded with coal.

13 May

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 11 passenger cars, 39 boxcars, 36 gondolas, one carload of wire, one coal car, and three carloads of wood.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 18 boxcars, 16 gondolas loaded with autos, one gondola loaded with auto accessories, 11 empty cars, and seven tank cars.

5. Astara

12 May

Southbound road traffic, the Lenkoran highway to Astara: Two autos, two jeeps, and eight trucks; one group of armed infantry.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: One auto and 15 closed trucks.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One motorcycle and two trucks carrying three officers; two armed officers on horseback; one sergeant riding a bicycle.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Two trucks carrying six sergeants and 25 unarmed troops.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One truck loaded with flour; one truck full of male and female civilians; one cart carrying two armed soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep and two trucks.

Six white and one red rocket were fired at the coast at Haider Mahalleh, and at Qanbar Mahalleh.

Searchlights were turned on in the area 14 times during the night.

13 May

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Four jeeps, one auto, and eight trucks carrying ten officers and boxes; five truckloads of troops.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Seven truckloads of boxes on which a few troops were sitting; two jeeps and 13 trucks carrying chairs and tables.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One jeep and two trucks carrying two officers and two sergeants; two truckloads of armed soldiers; one officer riding a bicycle.

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Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One jeep, one truck and two carts carrying two soldiers, two troops (sic), four men, and one woman; one truckload of men and women; four sergeants.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Four truckloads of troops and sergeants.

1100-1200
hours

Five artillery salvos were fired at Haidar Mahalleh.

Searchlights were turned on 14 times during the night.

0430 hours

One white rocket was fired opposite Bagchen Sareh.

6. Lutabad

6-9 May

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Eighteen trains composed of 104 passenger cars, 329 tank cars, 122 covered cars, two carloads of iron, five carloads of bridge building equipment, 45 autos (sic), and ten carloads of wood.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: An un-stated number of trains composed of 26 passenger cars, 327 tank cars, and 428 cars of which an unstated number carried autos, 77 were loaded with iron, and ten were loaded with wood.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Sixteen trains of unknown make-up.

Thirty-six of the locomotives of the trains observed were diesel types.

10-11 May

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Ten trains composed of 21 passenger cars, 216 tank cars, 37 carloads of iron, 13 carloads of wood, and ten covered cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Ten trains composed of one passenger car, 184 tank cars, 32 carloads of iron, seven carloads of autos, five carloads of wood and 113 covered cars.

night

East and westbound rail traffic, between Kaakha and Ashkhabad: Eight trains of unknown make-up.

Fifteen locomotives of the trains observed were diesel types.

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